

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claim 4 has been withdrawn from further consideration without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claim 7 has been amended to adapt the claim to better conform to U.S. practice.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

Species I: Figures 1-3, 6, 7, and 9 corresponding to claim 4; and

Species II: Figures 1, 4, 5, and 8, corresponding to claims 2 and 10.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species II, claims 1-3 and 5-11, **with traverse**. Applicants submit that claim 4 should be rejoined if any generic claim is held allowable. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3, 5-9, and 11 are generic.

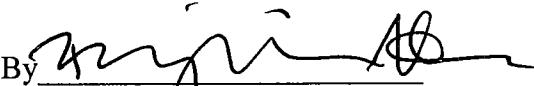
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issues can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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